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1661

1661 (MDCLXI) was a common year starting on Saturday of the Gregorian calendar and a common year starting on Tuesday of the Julian calendar, the 1661st year of the Common Era (CE) and *Anno Domini* (AD) designations, the 661st year of the 2nd millennium, the 61st year of the 17th century, and the 2nd year of the 1660s decade. As of the start of 1661, the Gregorian calendar was 10 days ahead of the Julian calendar, which remained in localized use until 1923.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	16th century · **17th century** · 18th century
Decades:	1640s · 1650s · **1660s** · 1670s · 1680s
Years:	1658 · 1659 · 1660 · **1661** · 1662 · 1663 · 1664

1661 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1661 *MDCLXI*
Ab urbe condita	2414
Armenian calendar	1110 ԹՎ ՌՃԺ
Assyrian calendar	6411
Balinese saka calendar	1582–1583
Bengali calendar	1068
Berber calendar	2611
English Regnal year	12 Cha. 2 – 13 Cha. 2
Buddhist calendar	2205
Burmese calendar	1023
Byzantine calendar	7169–7170
Chinese calendar	庚子年 (Metal Rat) 4357 or 4297 — *to* — 辛丑年 (Metal Ox) 4358 or 4298

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January–June

- January 6 – The Fifth Monarchists lead by Thomas Venner unsuccessfully attempt to seize control of London; George Monck's regiment defeats them.
- January 30 – The body of Oliver Cromwell is exhumed and subjected to a posthumous execution, along with those of John Bradshaw and Henry Ireton.
- February 5 – The Shunzhi Emperor of the Chinese Qing Dynasty dies, and is succeeded by his son the Kangxi Emperor.
- February 14 – George Monck's regiment becomes *The Lord General's Regiment of Foot Guards* (which later becomes Coldstream Guards).
- March – Following the death of his mentor, Cardinal Mazarin, King Louis XIV of France starts to rule independently.
- April 7 – The Siege of Fort Zeelandia by Chinese-Japanese warlord Koxinga begins.
- April 23 – King Charles II of England, Scotland, and Ireland is crowned in Westminster Abbey, for the second

time.

July–December

- July 1 – Russo-Swedish War (1656–58) – Treaty of Cardis: Russia surrenders to Sweden all captured territories.
- August 6 – Portugal and the Dutch Republic sign the Treaty of The Hague, whereby New Holland is formally ceded to Portugal by the Dutch Republic.
- September 5 – Fall of Nicolas Fouquet: Louis XIV Superintendent of Finances is arrested in Nantes.
- November 4 – Battle of Kushliki: Polish–Lithuanian forces defeat the Russian army.

Date unknown

- The first modern bank notes are issued in Stockholm, Sweden.
- Köprülü Mehmed Pasha ends his rule as vizier of the Ottoman Empire.
- The Great Clearance spreads to Guangdong.

Births

- January 15 – James Barry, Irish politician (d. 1725)
- January 21 – Peter Le Neve, English herald and antiquary (d. 1729)
- January 22 – Joseph Fleuriau d'Armenonville, French politician (d. 1728)
- January 25 – Alexander zu Dohna-Schlobitten, German general (d. 1728)
- January 25 – Antonio I, Prince of Monaco, Monegasque prince (d. 1731)
- January 30 – Charles Rollin, French historian (d. 1741)
- February 12 – Daniel d'Auger de Subercase, French naval officer, governor of Newfoundland (d. 1732)
- February 20 – William Digby, 5th Baron Digby, English politician, baron (d. 1752)
- February 24 – Alexandre-François Desportes, French painter (d. 1743)
- February 25 – Anne Lennard, Countess of Sussex, English Countess (d. 1721)
- February 28 – Tripo Kokolja, Venetian painter (d. 1713)
- March 19 – Francesco Gasparini, Italian composer and teacher (d. 1727)
- March 25 – Paul de Rapin, French historian (d. 1725)
- April 11 – Antoine Coypel, French painter (d. 1722)

Coptic calendar	1377–1378
Discordian calendar	2827
Ethiopian calendar	1653–1654
Hebrew calendar	5421–5422
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1717–1718
- *Shaka Samvat*	1582–1583
- *Kali Yuga*	4761–4762
Holocene calendar	11661
Igbo calendar	661–662
Iranian calendar	1039–1040
Islamic calendar	1071–1072
Japanese calendar	Manji 4 (万治４年)
Javanese calendar	1583–1584
Julian calendar	Gregorian minus 10 days
Korean calendar	3994
Minguo calendar	251 before ROC 民前251年
Nanakshahi calendar	193
Thai solar calendar	2203–2204
Tibetan calendar	阳金鼠年 (male Iron-Rat) 1787 or 1406 or 634 — *to* — 阴金牛年 (female Iron-Ox) 1788 or 1407 or 635

- April 13 – Jacques L'enfant, French Protestant pastor (d. 1728)
- April 14 – Sir Thomas Molyneux, 1st Baronet, Irish politician (d. 1733)
- April 16 – Charles Montagu, 1st Earl of Halifax, English poet and statesman (d. 1715)
- April 21 – Georg Joseph Kamel, Jesuit missionary and botanist (d. 1706)
- April 23 – Issachar Berend Lehmann, German-Jewish banker, Court Jew in Hanover (d. 1730)
- April 30 – Louis Armand I, Prince of Conti (d. 1685)
- May 3 – Antonio Vallisneri, Italian scientist (d. 1730)
- May 7 – Sophie Marie of Hesse-Darmstadt, only Duchess by marriage of Saxe-Eisenberg (d. 1712)
- May 7 – George Clarke, English politician, architect (d. 1736)
- May 25 – Claude Buffier, French philosopher and historian (d. 1737)
- June 1 – Louis Bartholomew Załuski, Polish cardinal, Auxiliary Bishop of Przemysl (d. 1721)
- June 1 – Gaspard Rigaud, French painter (d. 1705)
- June 6 – Giacomo Antonio Perti, Italian composer (d. 1756)
- June 9 – Tsar Feodor III of Russia (d. 1682)
- June 24 – Hachisuka Tsunanori, Japanese daimyō who ruled the Tokushima Domain (d. 1730)
- July 7 – Henri, Duke of Elbeuf, member of the House of Lorraine (d. 1748)
- July 11 – Charles, Prince of Commercy, French field marshal (d. 1702)
- July 15 – Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville, French founder of the colony of Louisiana (d. 1706)
- July 29 – Christian Heinrich, Margrave of Brandenburg-Bayreuth-Kulmbach, German prince (d. 1708)
- July 31 – Ignaz Agricola, German historian (d. 1729)
- August 8 – Johann Matthias von der Schulenburg, German aristocrat and general (d. 1747)
- August 11 – William Churchill, British politician (d. 1737)
- August 15 – King Sukjong of Joseon (d. 1720)
- August 22 – Joseph Sheffield, Colonial Rhode Island Attorney General (d. 1706)
- August 31 – Charles Granville, 2nd Earl of Bath, English diplomat (d. 1701)
- August 31 – Philippe Emanuel, Prince of Hornes (d. 1718)
- September 2 – Georg Böhm, German composer and organist (d. 1733)
- September 2 – Heinrich, Duke of Saxe-Merseburg (d. 1738)
- September 7 – Gunno Dahlstierna, Swedish poet (d. 1709)
- September 23 – Christiana Oxenstierna, Swedish noble (d. 1701)
- September 28 – Mehr-un-Nissa, daughter of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb and his concubine Aurangabadi Mahal (d. 1706)
- October 1 – Sir Matthew Dudley, 2nd Baronet, English Member of Parliament (d. 1721)
- October 4 – Jean-Paul Le Gardeur, French explorer, New France soldier (d. 1738)
- October 6 – William Dunbar, Scottish bishop (d. 1746)
- October 11 – Melchior de Polignac, French diplomat and cardinal (d. 1742)

Siege of Fort Zeelandia

Charles II of Spain

Christopher Polhem

- October 22 – Margaret Holles, Duchess of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, fourth of six children of Henry Cavendish (d. 1717)
- October 27 – Fyodor Apraksin, Russian admiral (d. 1728)
- November 1 – Florent Carton Dancourt, French dramatist and actor (d. 1725)
- November 1 – Louis, Grand Dauphin, eldest son and heir of Louis XIV of France (d. 1711)
- November 4 – Karl III Philip, Elector Palatine (d. 1742)
- November 6 – King Charles II of Spain (d. 1700)
- November 13 – Erdmuthe Dorothea of Saxe-Zeitz, consort of Duke Christian II of Saxe-Merseburg (d. 1720)
- November 15 – Christoph von Graffenried, Swiss settler in America (d. 1743)
- November 15 – Henri, Count of Brionne, French noble (d. 1713)
- November 18 – Elisabeth Henriette of Hesse-Kassel, daughter of William VI (d. 1683)
- November 28 – Margravine Dorothea Charlotte of Brandenburg-Ansbach, German noblewomen (d. 1705)
- November 28 – Edward Hyde, 3rd Earl of Clarendon, British Governor of New York and New Jersey (d. 1723)
- December 3 – Nathaniel Gould, English politician (d. 1728)
- December 5 – Robert Harley, 1st Earl of Oxford and Earl Mortimer, English statesman (d. 1724)
- December 8 – Kenneth Mackenzie, 4th Earl of Seaforth, Scotland (d. 1701)
- December 18 – Christopher Polhem, Swedish scientist and inventor (d. 1751)

Deaths

Martino Martini

Köprülü Mehmed Pasha

- January 19 – Thomas Venner, English Fifth Monarchist (executed)
- January 25 – John Hele, English politician (b. 1626)
- January 29 – Bartolomeo Gennari, Italian painter (b. 1594)
- February 2 – Lucas Holstenius, German humanist (b. 1596)
- February 5 – Shunzhi Emperor of China (b. 1638)
- February 7 – Shah Shuja, second son of Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal (b. 1616)
- March 1 – Richard Zouch, English jurist (b. 1590)
- March 9 – Cardinal Mazarin, French cardinal and statesman (b. 1602)
- March 23 – Pieter de Molijn, Dutch painter (b. 1595)
- April 4 – Alexander Leslie, 1st Earl of Leven, Scottish soldier(b. c. 1580)
- April 5 – John Webster, colonial settler and governor of Connecticut (b. 1590)
- April 7 – William Brereton, English soldier and politician (b. 1604)
- April 11 – Lady Mary Bankes, English defender of Corfe Castle (b. 1598)
- April 19 – Joachim Gersdorff, Danish politician (b. 1611)
- May 5 – Charles Stuart, Duke of Cambridge (b. 1660)
- May 27 – Archibald Campbell, 1st Marquess of Argyll, Scottish dissenter (beheaded) (b. 1607)
- June 3 – Gottfried Scheidt, German composer (b. 1593)
- June 6 – Martino Martini, Italian Jesuit missionary (b. 1614)
- June 11 – George II, Landgrave of Hesse-Darmstadt (1626–1661) (b. 1605)
- June 13 – Henry Carey, 2nd Earl of Monmouth, English politician (b. 1595)

- June 21 – Andrea Sacchi, Italian painter of High Baroque Classicism (b. 1599)
- July 7 – Adriaan Heereboord, Dutch philosopher (b. 1613)
- July 9 – Frederick, Count Palatine of Zweibrücken (b. 1616)
- July 17 – Alonso Perez de Leon, Spanish conquistador, explorer, man of letters (b. 1608)
- August 6 – Marie Angélique Arnauld, French abbess of the Abbey of Port-Royal (b. 1591)
- August 7 – Jin Shengtan, Chinese editor, writer and critic (b. 1608)
- August 16 – Thomas Fuller, English churchman and historian (b. 1608)
- August 18 – Robert Gordon of Straloch, Scottish cartographer (b. 1580)
- August 23 – Tokugawa Yorifusa, Japanese nobleman (b. 1603)
- September 7 – James Livingstone, 1st Viscount Kilsyth of Scotland (b. 1616)
- September 8 – Edward Vaux, 4th Baron Vaux of Harrowden, English baron (b. 1588)
- September 11 – Jan Fyt, Flemish Baroque painter (b. 1611)
- October 4 – Jacqueline Pascal, French child prodigy, sister of Blaise Pascal (b. 1625)
- October 6 – Guru Har Rai, Sikh Guru (b. 1630)
- October 9 – Sir John Norwich, 1st Baronet, English Member of Parliament (b. 1613)
- October 15 – Jean de La Haye, French preacher and biblical scholar (b. 1593)
- October 25 – Lucas de Wael, Flemish painter (b. 1591)
- October 28
  - Agustín Moreto y Cavana, Spanish playwright (b. 1618)
  - Ottavio Amigoni, Italian painter (b. 1606)
- October 31 – Köprülü Mehmed Pasha, Ottoman Grand Vizier (b 1574)
- November 1 – Philip Prospero, Prince of Asturias, heir apparent to the Spanish throne (b. 1657)
- November 2 – Daniel Seghers, Flemish Jesuit brother and painter (b. 1590)
- November 10 – Bernardino Spada, Italian Catholic cardinal (b. 1594)
- November 11 – David Ryckaert III, Flemish painter (b. 1612)
- November 19
  - Lars Kagg, Swedish count and military officer (b. 1595)
  - Brian Walton, English clergyman and scholar (b. 1600)
- December 7 – Ariana Nozeman, Dutch actress (b. ca. 1627)
- December 10 – Ottaviano Jannella, Italian sculptor (b. 1635)
- December 14 – Murad Bakhsh, Mughal prince (b. 1624)
- December 22 – Hoshina Masasada, Japanese daimyō (b. 1588)
- December 29 – Antoine Girard de Saint-Amant, French poet (b. 1594)
- *date unknown* – Jacomina de Witte, politically influential Dutch woman (b. 1582)

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